

In claim 7, line 1, please replace "as claimed in claim 5 or 6" with -- as claimed in claim 5 --.

In claim 8, line 1, please replace "as claimed in claim 5 or 6" with -- as claimed in claim 5 --.

In claim 11, line 1, please replace "as claimed in claim 9 or 10" with -- as claimed in claim 9 --.

In claim 12, line 1, please replace "as claimed in claim 9 or 10" with -- as claimed in claim 9 --.

#### **REMARKS**

The above preliminary amendment is made to insert an abstract page into the application and to remove multiple dependencies from the following claims: 3,4,7,8,11 and 12.

Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at 952-912-0527.

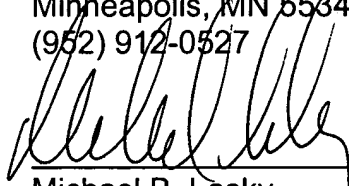
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